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# SPIDER-MAN

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High-schooler Miles Morales was bitten by a genetically altered spider that grants him incredible arachnid-like powers.

This is a secret he has shared only with his best friend Ganke and his father.

Ganke is helping Miles figure out how to be Spider-Man. It's way harder than it looks.

Miles is having a hard time balancing school and super-heroing, and it doesn't make it any better that his grandma just arrived at his front door to talk about his slipping grades.

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OH, HEY, UH,  
GRANDMA...

**MILES' PARENTS' APARTMENT.  
BROOKLYN.  
RIGHT NOW.**

WHAT  
THE HELL DO  
YOU HAVE TO SAY  
FOR YOURSELF,  
YOUNG MAN?

UH...

"UH"?

THAT'S ABOUT  
THE LEVEL OF  
DISCOURSE I EXPECTED  
FROM SOMEONE WITH  
GRADES LIKE  
THESE.

GRANDMA--  
HUGGIES.

NO  
HUGGIES.

HOW  
COULD  
YOU LET  
THIS HAPPEN,  
MILES?

I--

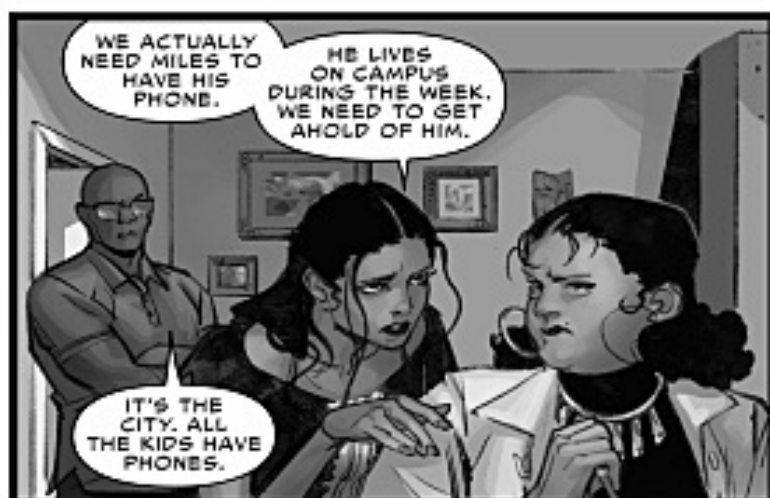
YOU ARE  
MESSING UP, MILES  
MORALES!

DO  
YOU WANT  
TO WORK IN A GAS  
STATION ON THE  
INTERSTATE?

YOU WANT  
TO END UP A  
DEAD PIECE OF  
CRAP LIKE YOUR  
UNCLE AARON?







# SLAM

OH MY GOD!

ARE YOU KIDDING  
ME WITH THIS?!

YOU SLAM  
THAT DOOR ONE  
MORE TIME I'M GOING  
TO TAKE IT OFF THE  
HINGES AND GIVE IT TO  
A HOMELESS BOY WHO  
APPRECIATES WHAT  
HE HAS!

WHAT WOULD A  
HOMELESS KID DO  
WITH A DOOR?!

AND THE REASON  
MY GRADES SUCK  
IS I'M A FREAKIN'  
SUPER HERO WHO'S  
SAVED THE ENTIRE  
CITY, LIKE, TEN  
TIMES LAST MONTH  
SO SORRRRY IF I  
HAVEN'T GOTTEN  
ALL A'S, TOO!!!

WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO  
WHEN THE CITY IS ALWAYS  
UNDER ATTACK AND I HAVE  
SPIDER-POWERS AND CAN DO  
SOMETHING ABOUT IT?!

GOD!

GOD!

I COULD  
JUST  
LEAVE.

GO LIVE  
WITH THE  
AVENGERS.

JUST FORGET  
BEING ME AND GO  
BE SPIDER-MAN.

MOM

GRANNY

AND THIS IS WHY  
I DON'T CARE  
ABOUT MY GRADES!

AAAAAND THEN MY MOM KEELS OVER FROM SHOCK AND DIES.

MY GRANDMOTHER WILL PROBABLY OUTFIT ME TO THE PRESS TO SHOW ME WHO'S BOSS AND, MAN, WHAT IS WITH MY DAD NOT STANDING UP TO GRANDMA?

GROW A PAIR, DUDE.

GUY USED TO BE A BAD-ASS GANGSTER, NOW HE CAN'T EVEN GET MY PHONE OUT OF MY GRANDMA'S HAND.

THANK GOD I LOCKED MY PHONE AND HAVE ALL MY SECRET SUPER HERO NUMBERS UNDER CODENAMES.

WHAT IF IRON MAN CALLS? WHAT IF MS. MARVEL CALLS?

WHAT IF GANKE CALLS?

HE'S GOING TO BE SO WORRIED IF HE CAN'T GET ME ON THE-- I CAN'T BELIEVE I WAS ACTUALLY ABOUT TO THINK THAT.



LITTLE OVER THE TOP, DON'T YOU THINK?



HE DISCOVERED GIRLS.

GIRLS WITH DRUGS.

MOM.

YOU CALLED ME DOWN HERE TO SCARE HIM STRAIGHT.

YES, YES, I DID.

YOU'RE WELCOME.

I'M GOING TO THE BATHROOM.

YOU THINK IT'S CUTE, BUT I THINK SHE'S TRULY MENTALLY ILL.

I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT ELSE TO DO.

YOU KNOW THE TOP REASON I LOVE YOU IS BECAUSE YOU ROSE ABOVE BEING RAISED BY THAT.

DING DONG











UH, HI, MRS. MORALES.

I'M A FRIEND OF MILES'. I'M LANA. LANA BAUMGARTNER.

OH.

FROM SCHOOL?

WELL, NO.

JUST--UH, FRIEND OF A FRIEND.



OH.

WELL, MILES CAN'T COME OUT RIGHT NOW.



IS HE HERE?

YES, BUT, HE'S, UM, INDISPOSED.

OH, UH, I GUESS I CAN TEXT HIM.

WE TOOK AWAY HIS PHONE, LITTLE MISSY.



MOM!

UH, OKAY, CAN YOU TELL HIM I STOPPED BY?

WHAT ARE YOU SELLING?

UPPERS, DOWNERS, THE POT?

I'M SORRY?



MOM!

LSD?

I'M SORRY?

LS--? UM, I'M NOT SURE WHAT'S GOING ON HERE, I'M JUST GOING TO--



**SLAM**

UH, WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT?

OKAY.

I AM SO SORRY.













WERE YOU TALKING TO YOURSELF?

WELL, YOU, UH, UM, TOOK MY PHONE.

(I HAD NO ONE ELSE TO TALK TO?)



LISTEN TO ME... I LOVE YOU.

I'M HERE BECAUSE YOU NEED TO GET IT TOGETHER.

YES, MA'AM.



YOU THINK YOUR MAMA WANTS TO CALL ME DOWN HERE?

NO.

SHE WANTS WHAT IS BEST FOR YOU.

SO STRAIGHTEN IT UP, FLY RIGHT. LET JESUS BE YOUR GUIDE.

YES, MA'AM.

I LOVE YOU.



WOOF, KID!

YOU GOT MUSCLES GROWING OUT OF YOUR MUSCLES.

LITTLE LESS WORKING OUT, LITTLE MORE BRAIN TIME...

YES, MA'AM.

AND ONE MORE THING...







THE BRONX.



HM.



IS HE  
IN?



YOU  
GOTTA BE  
KIDDIN'  
ME.



HOW'D YOU KNOW THIS WAS MY PLACE, FELICIA?

BECAUSE I KNOW EVERYTHING, HAMMERHEAD.

IT'S THE HEAD, AIN'T IT?

CAN'T KEEP A SECRET WITH A NOOGIN LOOKS LIKE MINE.

IT *IS* THE HEAD, AIN'T IT?

I DON'T CARE ABOUT YOUR PUB, JOSEPH, AND I DON'T WANT A PIECE OF IT.

CAN I HELP YOU, MISS?

THUGS, JOSEPH?

REALLY?

GUYS, MAYBE THIS AIN'T SOMETHING YOU NEED TO CONCERN YOURSELVES WITH...

BUT YOU TOLD US TO KEEP ALL THE--

CHUCK

HAI!





**FUMP**



SORRY.

IT'S MY  
SISTER'S KID  
YOU JUST  
CLOCKED.

GUY'S NOT  
THE BRIGHTEST.  
DON'T LISTEN  
FOR NUTIN'.

WHAT  
DO YA WANT,  
MISS HARDY?



THIS NEW  
SPIDER-MAN.



THERE'S A  
NEW ONE?

YOU DON'T  
WATCH THE  
NEWS?

TV GIVES ME  
HEADACHES.

WELL,  
THERE'S A  
NEW SPIDER-MAN.  
TAKE MY WORD  
FOR IT.



THOUGHT  
MAYBE YOU'D ROUND  
UP SOME OF YOUR  
LARGER-THAN-LIFE FELLOWS  
AND SEE IF YOU CAN'T  
TAKE CARE OF THIS LITTLE  
PROBLEM BEFORE IT  
BECOMES AN EVEN  
BIGGER PROBLEM.

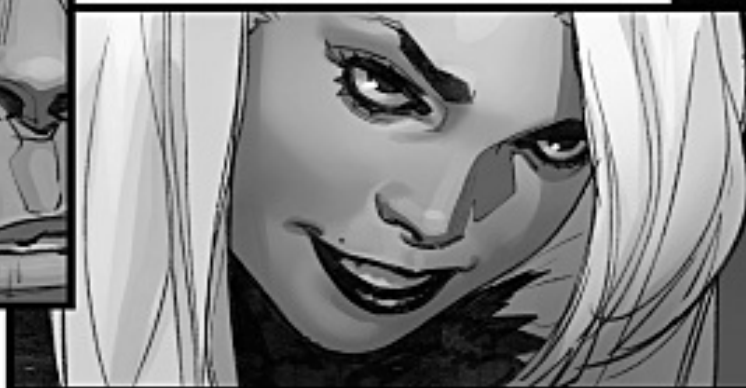
MAKE SOME  
MONEY, EARN BACK  
SOME REP POINTS,  
AND YOU AND ME  
START SEEING HOW  
WELL WE WORK  
TOGETHER.

SEE,  
THIS HERE,  
IT CONFUSES  
ME.

YOU,  
THE BLACK CAT,  
COME DOWN HERE  
YOURSELF TO  
TELL ME THIS.



THIS AIN'T  
THE WAY  
WILSON FISK  
DID IT.



OH, I  
KNOW.



OKAY,  
TELL ME MORE  
ABOUT THIS  
NEW FRICKIN'  
SPIDER-MAN.



THERE'S JUST TOO MANY SPIDER-PEOPLE CRAWLING AROUND, DON'T YOU THINK?

I DIDN'T LIKE IT WHEN IT WAS JUST ONE.

THE IDEA OF IT DOES PISS ME OFF.

WELL, I'M PUTTING A BOUNTY ON HIS HEAD.

YEAH?



IT MAKES ME--WHAT'S THE WORD?

SUSPICIOUS.

YEAH.

DON'T BE.

IT'S A MATTER OF RESPECT.

YOU RESPECT ME?



I DO.

YOU'VE BEEN AT THIS A LONG TIME, HAMMERHEAD.

THE MAGGIA, THE KINGPIN, THE HOOD, MISTER NEGATIVE, AND YOU'RE STILL HERE.

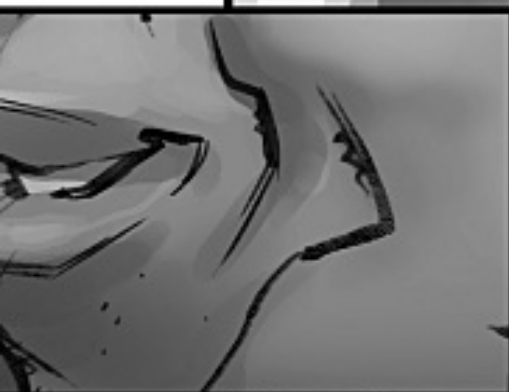
AND I DON'T LIKE A GAME OF TELEPHONE WHEN IT'S SOMETHING THIS IMPORTANT.

I WANT YOU TO HEAR IT FROM ME.



LOTS OF PEOPLE DID A LOT OF THINGS ONE WAY AND LOOK WHERE IT GOT THEM.

WAY PAST TIME TO CHANGE THE GAME.



\*OKAY, WHO KNOWS WHAT A MUTANT IS?\*



# BROOKLYN VISIONS ACADEMY, BROOKLYN.



WHO KNOWS WHAT AN INHUMAN IS?

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AN INHUMAN AND A MUTANT?

ANYONE?

YOU'RE NOT BEING GRADED ON THIS.

THIS ISN'T A TEST. IT'S JUST A DIALOGUE.

MUTANTS. WHO CAN TELL ME SOMETHING ABOUT THEM?



IT'S SOMETHING TO DO WITH THEIR BIOLOGY, I THINK.

LIKE THEY WERE BORN WITH THIS EXTRA SOMETHING IN THEIR BLOOD OR DNA, OR SOMETHING, AND IT GIVES THEM EACH A POWER.

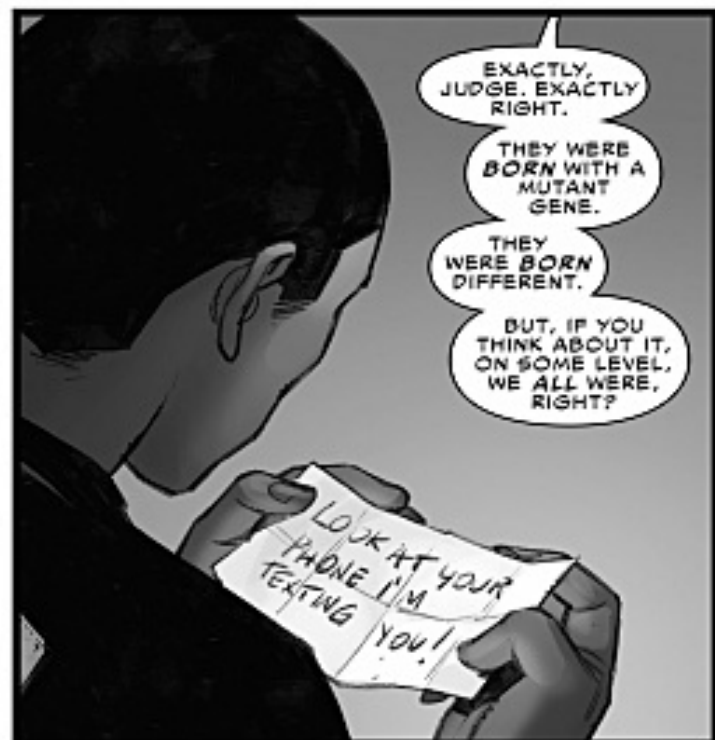


EXACTLY, JUDGE. EXACTLY RIGHT.

THEY WERE BORN WITH A MUTANT GENE.

THEY WERE BORN DIFFERENT.

BUT, IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT, ON SOME LEVEL, WE ALL WERE, RIGHT?



I LOVE MUTANTS. I'M A HUGE DAZZLER FAN.

LOVE RETRO.

YOU ARE?

DAZZLER IS RETRO? THEN I AM OLD!



ANYWAY, THE REASON I BROUGHT IT UP IS BECAUSE WE HAVE A NEW STUDENT JOINING OUR SCHOOL.

AND HE IS A MUTANT.

NO! SHE TOOK IT! THAT'S--THAT'S, LIKE, WHAT THEY DO TO MURDERERS.



Action.

FROM WHAT I AM TOLD HE'S A LITTLE ON THE FAMOUS SIDE, BUT HE IS HERE AND HE IS HERE TO LEARN.

AND I WANT YOU ALL TO OPEN YOUR HEARTS AND MINDS TO THE EXPERIENCE OF SHARING OUR SCHOOL WITH HIM.

I WANT YOU ALL TO MEET...

FABIO MEDINA.

ROCK

GOLDBALLS! IT'S GOLDBALLS. GOLDBALLS IS IN OUR SCHOOL.

THIS IS SO COOL.

HE'S, LIKE, MY FAVORITE.

WELL, YOU KNOW, AFTER SPIDER-MAN.

TO BE CONTINUED...

**YOU WANT TO KNOW  
WHAT HAPPENS *NEXT*?**



**MARVEL**

**DON'T MISS**

**SPIDER-MAN #4**





